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REMARKS

Claims 9 and 19 are amended herein to independent form, and to recite that the protective sheet is applied to a workpiece. Support for the amendments to Claims 9 and 19 is found, for example, in the claims as originally filed. The amendment does not add new matter.

Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 9-17 and 19-25 are pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 9 and 19 are rejected as being indefinite for reciting workpieces that are not metal materials.

Claims 9 and 19 are amended herein to remove the term “metal material,” and to recite that the protective sheet is applied to a workpiece, and that the workpiece is one of the recited materials. As such, the recited materials, which are allegedly non-metallic, are consistent with the claim language as presently amended. In view of the amendment to Claims 9 and 19, Applicants respectfully request removal of this rejection of the claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims are patentable and request that they be passed to issue. Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if any remaining issues might be resolved by telephone.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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